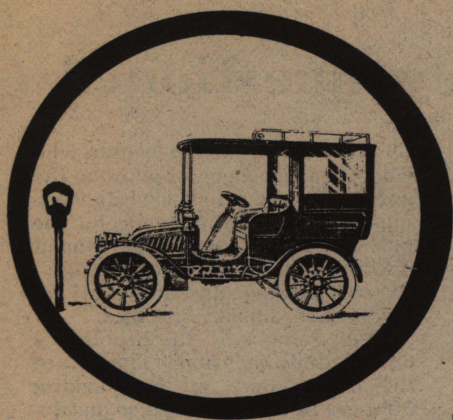




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"How far high failure overleaps the bounds of low success"

—Sir Lewis Morris (1833-1907)

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Franco Mannino, left, will lead the Ottawa-based orchestra in its first visit to Victoria in seven years.

National Arts Centre Orchestra highlights Homecoming weekend

Members of the UVic community may be disappointed if they wait until the last moment to purchase tickets for Homecoming events May 11 to 13.

The Homecoming, a three-day 21st birthday celebration for the University, will provide a variety of entertainment for alumni, the Greater Victoria community and students, faculty and staff. The Alumni Association and the 21st Anniversary Celebrations Committee, chaired by Alumni director Sonia Birch-Jones, have pulled out all the stops to promote and publicize the events.

A one-night-only performance of the National Arts Centre Orchestra, May 13, highlights the weekend's activities. The concert, scheduled for 8 p.m. in University Centre, is expected to draw a large audience.

The Orchestra's new, principal conductor is Franco Mannino, well-known throughout the world, and the concert will mark his first Victoria performance.

Guest performer for the concert is pianist Anton Kuerti, who has drawn an enormous response across Canada. He is heralded as a magician at the classical keyboard.

Other events include a president's Wine and Cheese Reception May 11, followed by a special musical revue.

The Hosie Connection, a Victoria entertainment family, will present *The Way We Were*, a musical revue of the university's past 21 years.

UVic's first-ever Garden Party is featured on May 12. This is an outdoor, Springtime celebration complete with tea, cakes, ice cream, lemonade, music and clowns.

The Garden Party will get underway at 3 p.m. in front of the MacLaurin Building at a cost of \$3 per person.

The evening of May 12 features a champagne dinner and dancing to the music of Leighton Noble's Orchestra in the Commons Block.

Posters, announcements and advertisements are expected to draw a large crowd from Victoria as well as from returning alumni. Homecoming officials advise those from the university community planning to attend any or all of the Homecoming functions to get their tickets well in advance.

For information regarding the cost of each event, people can contact the Alumni Association at 721-7635.

B.C. universities face worst crisis

Universities in British Columbia face the most severe financial crisis of post-secondary institutions in Canada, says Alan Gilmore, executive director of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

Gilmore, in Victoria last week for a meeting of the Council of Western Canadian University Presidents, said the provincial government's squeeze on universities could lead to lower standards and reduced enrolments.

The province has cut general operating grants to universities by five per cent at the same time that the federal contribution to post-secondary education in B.C. was raised by eight per cent.

"The province is getting more money from the federal government for universities and the universities are getting less money from the province," said Gilmore.

He said the province may be getting the

worst of both worlds, ending up sacrificing accessibility and quality in its universities.

Gilmore pointed out that with enrolments up, the cutbacks are particularly hard on B.C. universities which can either limit enrolment or lower teaching standards. "The cuts are so drastic that universities may have to follow both routes."

"What is most dramatic in B.C. is that it is happening in one fell swoop and it is happening at a time when the demand for universities is going up," he said. "It is more critical in B.C. than anywhere else in Canada."

Gilmore does not believe the reduction in university financing was prompted by the government's desire to reduce overall spending. "There is a tendency on the part of politicians generally to merely rearrange their priorities in spending," he said. "It is a question of priority that downgrades education."

BOG wants UCBC replaced

The UVic Board of Governors (BOG) has recommended that the Universities Council of B.C. (UCBC) be abolished and an advisory committee to the Minister of Universities be established in its place.

The BOG, at its April 16 meeting, accepted several recommendations from its operations committee which had been asked to review the University Act. The Act, passed in 1974, established the UCBC and spelled out procedures for governance of B.C.'s three universities. It is now under review by the provincial government which has advised universities to make any recommendations for changes.

Operations committee chairman George Kidd explained that the committee felt that UCBC had not fulfilled its role, "which is to act as a buffer between the Ministry and the universities, to co-ordinate planning and to serve as an advocate for the universities with the Ministry and provincial government".

President Dr. Howard Petch, a member of the committee, said the establishment of an advisory committee to the Minister would put B.C. closer to the general situation in Canada.

"Right now there is a very severe problem in that the universities in B.C. have no direct communication with the government, but must go through UCBC," said Petch.

"An advisory committee would have a stronger advocacy role to play on behalf of the universities," said Chancellor Dr. Ian McTaggart Cowan. "UCBC does not play that advocacy role at present. The people on UCBC have done the best they could, but the system does not work very well."

BOG chairman Ian Stewart said he had a mixed view on the recommendation to abolish UCBC, after serving three years on that body.

BOG member James Sinclair said the main purpose of UCBC is to act as a buffer and make recommendations to the Minister. "I believe it serves a very useful function. It may not work very well right now, but I believe the idea is a good one. Otherwise you'll have each university making its own representations to the Ministry

and that may not be such a good thing."

The committee recommended that if the UCBC is to remain, its headquarters be moved to Victoria, the provincial capital.

"The location of the council in Vancouver is perhaps a major reason for the council's failure over the years to make itself and its members known to the government and to carry out its role as an advocate for the universities," said Kidd.

The BOG also endorsed recommendations that its own membership be increased by adding two members appointed by the government and that members of the Senate, with the exceptions of the president and chancellor, be ineligible to sit as elected or appointed members of the BOG.

A recommendation that the Senate be reduced in size was also adopted. "Any reduction in the number of faculty should be marginal only since they have a fundamental and therefore dominant role to play on the Senate," states the committee report.

The BOG agreed in general with nine of 10 recommendations for changes in the Act.

A recommendation concerning procedures for the recommendation and selection of presidents, deans and other senior academic administrators was tabled for further discussion, at the suggestion of Stewart.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the board to look at the range of its authority and where it differentiates with the powers of Senate," said Stewart.



Portrait by David Thompson University Centre (DTUC) student Clare Singleton is one of 30 works on view in the Department of Visual Arts until May 8. The works were chosen for the annual Helen Pitt Graduate Awards Exhibition and include videos, paintings, drawings, film, sculpture and sculptural installations. Seven UVic students are among 25 graduating students whose works have been chosen for the exhibition which also features works by students from SFU, UBC and the Emily Carr College of Art and Design.

Researcher seeks SCUBA divers

UVic Anthropology graduate student, Norman A. Easton, is the 1984 recipient of the Charles E. Borden Scholarship for the study of British Columbia archaeology.

Established in 1980 in honor of the late Dr. Borden, the acknowledged "Father of B.C. Archaeology", the \$7,500 award is granted on the basis of academic achievement, personal objectives and the nature of present research.

A First Class Honours (B.A.) graduate of the Department of Anthropology at SFU, Easton entered UVic in the fall of 1983 with a clear personal objective: to determine the antiquity of a Straits Salish fishing technique known as reef-netting.

This particular question has intrigued him for five years. In the fall of 1979 Dr. Wayne Suttles, of Portland State University, a major figure in Northwest Coast anthropology and the principal ethnographer of Straits Salish traditional culture, taught as a visiting professor at SFU and encouraged Easton's reanalysis of Suttles' classic ethnography on the Straits from a contemporary economic viewpoint.

"I was immediately struck," Easton recalls, "by the fact that within the dominant technique of production (reef-netting) the associated social relations were at complete odds with my previous conceptions of Salish society. Instead of egalitarian relations of equal access to resources, which has been depicted as the Salish norm, the practice of reef-netting was associated with a set of social relations that emphasized restricted access: the appropriate sites were owned by individuals and exploited by the owner who hired skilled fishermen as labourers, distributing a portion of the catch as "wages" and retaining the majority of the catch for his own use.

Significantly, those hired were chosen on the basis of their skill, not their kinship relation to the owner. In light of the traditional anthropologic and economic belief

that ideology, social relations and dominant techniques of production all function as an integrated system, the Straits evidence is a striking anomaly.

"Dr. Suttles made the obvious suggestion that the question might be resolved by examining the sites themselves for evidence of their antiquity," says Easton. "So here I am, five years later, preparing to go look for rocks in the murky waters off the Gulf and San Juan Islands."

The "rocks" Easton is seeking are the pecked and unmodified stones used to anchor the reef-net at each location and abandoned at the end of each fishing season. Working with approximate site-locations gathered from native informants by Suttles in 1946, Easton will attempt to locate their exact positions by underwater survey of the area. The accumulation of these distinctive anchor stones will serve to demarcate the extent of each site, which will be recorded by mapping and photography and compared with each other for indications of their relative use and age. In addition, it is hoped that an examination of the land about each site will result in the discovery or confirmation of the seasonal villages occupied by the fishing peoples.

The fieldwork component of Easton's research, which will be carried out through the summer and early fall, will require the volunteer assistance of proficient SCUBA divers. Interested divers should be certified and properly outfitted, and prepared to pay their travel expenses to the base camp (Bedwell Harbour). Air and extra tanks, as well as site transport, will be provided. "All I can guarantee is air, experience in underwater archaeology and the opportunity to dive in such exotic locales as Iceberg Point and Beddis Rock," says Easton. Anyone interested in further details can get in contact with Easton through the Department of Anthropology, or call him evenings at 478-7498.

Parking policy questioned

Nobody, it seems, escapes parking tickets at UVic.

Even President Dr. Howard Petch, who takes pride in the fact that he had collected only two fines for illegal parking in nine and a half years, got nailed twice recently in one night. Both he and his wife, Linda, received parking tickets while attending an official university function.

Petch agreed with other Board of Governors (BOG) members who commented at the April 16 meeting that the system of ticketing illegally-parked cars on campus is too rigid.

The BOG was discussing a complaint in a letter from a visitor who was ticketed while she attended a university chorus practice.

"It's a perennial problem and I get many of the letters," said Petch. "In our parking regulations, we are trying to establish a line between rigidity and chaos. I personally feel the policy is too rigid."

BOG member Wesley Black said it was "unfair that people who come up here to help the university are tagged with a parking ticket."

Alumni co-ordinator Sonia Birch-Jones had such an example.

She said a 73-year-old woman who was donating a grand piano to the university got a ticket while visiting to make arrangements for the gift. "We should have some kind of parking ticket for those coming to do something for the university on a voluntary basis," she said.

Birch-Jones said the problem is one of administration. "The tone of the letters sent out for parking offences in these cases is so institutional," she said.

"It's certainly not good public relations," said Dr. S.W. Jackman (History). "There should be some way to alleviate the situation."

Petch said Dr. William Gibson, chairman of the Universities Council of B.C., was ticketed while visiting his office recently. He said Gibson was given a special parking permit as soon as he reached the president's office, but by the time he walked back to his car to put the ticket on his windshield, he had been ticketed.

While several BOG members agreed that the parking system on campus was too rigid, no action was taken on the parking policy or the complaint.

Collecting with care

Private collectors of art and antiques will gather at a symposium to be held at the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery May 4 and 5, where they will discuss with local experts the methods of "Collecting with Care".

The "Collecting with Care" symposium, the first of its kind to be held in Victoria, is jointly sponsored by the Maltwood and the Canadian Society of Decorative Arts. Private collectors and interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

Richard Renshaw Beauchamp, conservator with the British Columbia Provincial Museum, will discuss "Dealing with the Private Conservator" at 8 p.m. on May 4.

On May 5, Roy Lack, fine art valuator and ceramics restorer, will discuss "Valuations: guidelines and procedures with particular reference to ceramics"; Gregory Brown, cabinet maker and furniture restorer will discuss "Antique Furniture: clues for authentication and restoration"; Stan Toller, bookbinder, will discuss "Antique Bookbindings: repair and restoration"; and Jean Topham, paper conservator, will discuss "Works of Art on Paper: their care and safe keeping".

Fee for attendance at the symposium is \$10. For further information or to register, write or telephone The Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Y2, telephone 721-8298.

Science Council funding chopped

The deadline for filing applications for grants from the Science Council of British Columbia is May 4 and Council chairman Dr. Roy Nodwell warns that this is the only time this year that new applications will be considered.

For the third year in a row, the provincial government has cut funds provided to encourage the growth of industries through applied scientific research and development in B.C.

The grant to the Council has dropped by 12 per cent this year and by more than 40 per cent since 1980. This has forced a change in the rules for the two competitions for research funds scheduled for 1984.

"Although we will proceed with two competitions this year, the only time we'll consider new applications along with requests for renewed funding for existing projects will be in spring competition," explained Nodwell.

"The Council will accept only applications for continuation of projects it is already supporting in the second competition in November."

Nodwell said the Council has no choice. "Our grant from the province has dropped from \$5,380,000 in 1981 to \$3,100,000 in 1984."

He said the Council will continue its support of graduate science and engineering students at the 1983 level of \$550,000.

Application forms will be mailed to those who request them from the Science Council of British Columbia, Suite 301, 7671 Alderbridge Way, Richmond, B.C., V6X 1Z9, telephone 273-0788.

Reg Ralph retires



Ralph, standing, was honored April 18 at a reception in the Faculty Club.

Reg Ralph, manager of Purchasing Services, retired this month for the second time. The first time was in 1969 after a 31-year career in the Canadian Army.

Ralph was born and raised in Victoria. He joined the Army in 1938 and rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel before his retirement. His army career included eight years overseas including Second World War service and an exchange tour of duty with the British Army.

Within two weeks of taking early retirement from the army, Ralph was hired to work in Purchasing at UVic. He stayed for 14½ years and was manager for the past five years.

Like many other departments on campus, Purchasing has felt the effects of restraint. "We've actually cut back by one employee in Administrative Stores," Ralph points out. "There are 12 people, including the manager in purchasing and stores and they are kept pretty busy."

Ralph says he has enjoyed his years at UVic and now plans to enjoy his retirement. "The first thing I have to do, now that the pressure is off, is just learn to relax," he says. "Then we'll do some travelling."

Before he left, Ralph was honored at a reception where he was presented with a lounge set and luggage.

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Five honored at Convocation ceremonies



Ignatieff: diplomat and public servant



Frances Adaskin: leading soprano of the 1940s



Gordon: first woman Governor-General

A distinguished artist, one of the most consciously Canadian composers, a prominent soprano, a long-time Canadian diplomat and the first woman in the Commonwealth to hold the office of Governor-General will be given honorary degrees by UVic at Convocation ceremonies June 1 and 2.

More than a thousand bachelors', masters' and doctoral degrees will also be conferred on UVic graduands by UVic Chancellor Dr. Ian McTaggart Cowan in four ceremonies in University Centre.

Myfanwy Pavelic, an acclaimed Canadian artist, was born and raised in Victoria and completed her formal education here and in Montreal. Twice between 1944 and 1960 she made her home in New York and exhibited her drawings and paintings in art galleries throughout Canada.

In 1973, she was made an honorary citizen of the City of Victoria and in 1983, city council commissioned her to paint a portrait of Queen Elizabeth. She is a member of the Royal Academy, and holds the additional distinction of being only the third portrait painter in Canadian history to have one of her works hung in the prestigious British National Portrait Gallery in London. Among subjects for her portraits are such international luminaries as Katherine Hepburn and Yehudi Menuhin.

Pavelic will receive an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree at the 10 a.m. ceremony, June 1. Also at this ceremony, degrees will be conferred on Arts and Science students in anthropology, classical studies, classics, creative writing, economics, English, French, German, history, linguistics, Pacific studies, philosophy, political science, Russian, sociology and Spanish.

Millions of Canadians are familiar with the name of Frances James Adaskin. Those who listened to her on

the radio when CBC was still in its infancy will remember the soprano as Miss Frances James, although her marriage to composer Murray Adaskin took place in 1931. Her repertoire is enormous in scope, and over the years, she has worked with such top figures as Darius Milhaud and Igor Stravinsky. She is remembered for her specialization in contemporary Canadian music, and as the leading soprano of the 1940s.

Murray Adaskin has given hundreds of performances internationally. He has composed almost 100 large-scale music compositions for orchestra, and his music has been recorded by Columbia, RCA Victor, CBC Recordings and Citadel. He studied music in Canada, France and the United States, taught at the University of Saskatchewan for many years, and has been commissioned by a number of organizations including the Canada Council, the Ontario Arts Council and the CBC. Since his retirement in 1973, he has been composing and teaching in Victoria and is quickly recognized on campus, especially by students and faculty of the School of Music.

The Adaskins will receive honorary Doctor of Music degrees at the 10 a.m. ceremony, June 2. Students in programs in Education and Fine Arts will have degrees conferred on them at this ceremony.

George Ignatieff has had a distinguished career as a Canadian diplomat and public servant. His education included undergraduate work at the University of Toronto, an Ontario Rhodes Scholarship and a Master's Degree from New College, Oxford. Since 1944, he has held a number of foreign posts: Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Advisor of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations Assembly, and Permanent Representative of Canada to the Disar-

mament Committee in Geneva. Since 1973, he has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Museums of Canada, Governor of Heritage Canada, and President of the United Nations in Canada. Four years ago he was appointed Chancellor of the University of Toronto.

Ignatieff will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony, June 2. Degrees will be conferred on students in programs in Human and Social Development and Law at this ceremony.

Minita Elmira Gordon's personal motto is "Aim High", and aim high she has. Born 54 years ago in Belize City, British Honduras (now Belize), Dr. Gordon has enjoyed a celebrated academic and public service career. She has been a long-time teacher, specializing in education and psychology. A student in England and a visiting student to several schools in Venice, Ravenna, West Germany and Zurich, she completed her undergraduate work and master's degree requirements at the University of Calgary.

In 1976 she was awarded a Canadian Commonwealth scholarship to the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. She became the first Belizean psychologist in 1980, and following a series of recognitions for contributions to the people of that nation, was appointed Governor-General. She is the first woman in the Commonwealth to hold that office.

Gordon will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony, June 1. Degrees will be conferred on Arts and Science students in astronomy, biochemistry, biology, chemistry, computer science, geography, mathematics, physics and psychology at this ceremony.



Murray Adaskin: distinctly Canadian composer



Pavelic: acclaimed Canadian artist

Friday, April 27th.

Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery. Dept. of Visual Arts Graduating Exhibits. Continues with rotating exhibits until May 2. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, and during evening events at the University Centre Auditorium.

McPherson Library Gallery. Work by Juan Gomez Perales. Continues until April 30. Library hours are 8 a.m. to 12 midnight today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 28, closed April 29. Beginning April 30 to May 13, library hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, closed Saturday and Sunday.

10:00 a.m. Oral Exam. Alan George Phillips, M.A. Candidate in Geography, will defend his thesis entitled: "Jurisdictional Conflicts in Resource Management—Perspectives on the Canadian West Coast Commercial Fishing Industry." CORN B145.

10:30 a.m. Oral Exam. Vivian Phyllis Marie Russell, M.A. Candidate in Psychology, will defend her thesis entitled: "The Emotional Adjustment of a Learning Disabled Population in Adulthood, as Measured by the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory." CORN A228.

Saturday, April 28th.

End of examinations for all faculties except Law. End of Winter Session (except for Faculty of Law and Professional Years in Faculty of Education).

8:00 p.m. Amity Singers in concert. Tickets are \$9 general admission, \$7 for Students and Senior Citizens.

Monday, April 30th.

End of examinations for Faculty of Law. Summer Studies registration for returning students in courses beginning in July/August must be completed. Last day for submission of Summer Studies applications for admission and course selection form from new students for courses beginning July/August. Last day for payment of deferred Summer Studies fee balance for courses beginning in May or June. A service charge for non-payment will be added after this date.

8:00 p.m. Jazz Choral concert. University Centre Auditorium.

Tuesday, May 1st.

10:30 a.m. Colloquium presented by the Dept. of Computer Science. Dr. Yat-Sang Kwong, Philips/Micom, Montreal, will speak on "Evolution of Office Systems." CLER D132.

1:30 p.m. Seminar presented by the Dept. of Chemistry. Dr. Bert Fraser-Reid, Duke University, North Carolina, will speak on "Stereoselectivity and Reactivity: Carbohydrates versus Carbocycles." ELLI 160.

2:00 p.m. The Dept. of Physics presents Prof. Dr. H.B.G. Casimir, physicist, former head of Philips Research, Netherlands, and author of *Haphazard Reality*, speaking on "Physics, Technology and Society." ELLI 162.

3:30 p.m. The Health Information Science Program and the Canadian College of Health Service Executives presents J.C. Martin, President, Canadian Hospital Association, speaking on "Issues and Solutions in the Canadian Health Care System." BEGB 157.

Wednesday, May 2nd.

McPherson Library Gallery. Work by Martin Honisch. Continues until May 22. *The University into the 21st Century: An International Conference on Social and Technological Change*. Continues until May 5. For information and registration, contact the Conference Office, University Extension (721-8475).

Sunday, May 6th.

10:00 a.m. Plant sale presented by the University of Victoria Garden Friends. OLD GYM.

Monday, May 7th.

Registration for Intersession Recreation and Intramurals classes begins. Continues until May 18, with programs starting May 22. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Office, MCKI GYM. Summer Studies French, German and Spanish language courses begin.

Wednesday, May 9th.

7:30 p.m. Senate meets. Senate & Board Room, University Centre.

Thursday, May 10th.

12:00 noon Lansdowne Lecture Series. Dr. Stanley Falkow, Professor and Head, Dept. of Medical Microbiology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California, will speak on "Diarrhea, Gonorrhea and Genetic Engineering." Free and open to the public. Conference Room (A180), University Centre.

Friday, May 11th.

Last day of final practicum for Professional Years (regular programs) in Faculty of Education. Opening day of festivities for the University of Victoria Homecoming, in celebration of its 21st Anniversary. For registration and further information, contact the Alumni Association (721-7635).

11:00 a.m. The Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology presents Dr. Stanley Falkow, Lansdowne Lecturer (see above), speaking on "Molecular Basis of Microbial Pathogenicity." ELLI 162.

12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Registration for University of Victoria Homecoming weekend (\$10 for single or couple). University Centre Lobby.

7:30 p.m. University of Victoria President's Wine and Cheese Reception, as part of the University of Victoria's Homecoming. University Centre. 9:15 p.m. *UVic in Revue*—a musical revue for Homecoming, featuring the Hosies, Steve Ivings, Colin Skinner and narrated by Peter Smith. University Centre Auditorium.

gazette

The Board of Governors reports the following proceedings from the regular meeting of April 16, 1984.

Resignations

The Board of Governors acknowledged receipt of the following resignations, effective as shown:

Ian Barrodale, professor, Department of Computer Science, effective June 30, 1984.

Francis L. Gomez, assistant professor, Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies, effective April 10, 1984.

Special Appointment—Faculty

Kenneth G. Stewart, B.A. (Dalhousie), M.Sc. (London), M.A. (Univ. of Michigan), Ann Arbor, Michigan, appointed visiting lecturer, Department of Economics, effective July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985.

New Appointments—Faculty

Jeffrey E. Foss, B.A. (Alta.), M.A., Ph.D. (W. Ont.), Winnipeg, Manitoba, appointed assistant professor, Department of Philosophy, effective July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1986.

Peter C.F. Wan, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Tor.), New York, N.Y., appointed university research fellow/adjunct assistant professor, Department of Chemistry, effective Sept. 1, 1984 to June 30, 1987.

New Appointments—Administrative and Academic Professional Staff

Elena Romaniuk, M.L.I.S., general librarian, serials division, Library, effective April 1, 1984.

Vicki M. Booth, M.L.S., general librarian, cataloguing division, Library, effective April 1, 1984.

Plant sale set

The Annual Plant Sale to raise money for the development of University Gardens will be held in the Old Gym at UVic, beginning at 10 a.m., May 6.

The popular sale, organized by the Friends of the University Gardens, offers a large variety of herbaceous material, trees, shrubs and an excellent selection of rhododendrons and azaleas.

There will also be a large assortment of vegetables, herbs and annuals.

Members of the organizing committee will be at the Old Gym May 5 to receive donations for the sale. The committee will also pick up any plant materials donated before the sale.

Anyone wishing further details on the sale or wishing to donate plant material should call Mrs. Daphne Rowan-Legg at 477-0017.

fingers

Board of Governors (BOG) chairman Ian Stewart had praise at the April 16 meeting for three departing BOG members and a fourth who resigned earlier this year. Stewart said **Sonia Birch-Jones**, director of the Alumni Association, had given "very dedicated service" during her six years on the BOG. "She has given so much of her time to this university as alumni co-ordinator and contributed greatly to the understanding of the university by 'outside' members of the board." Birch-Jones leaves the BOG this month and officially leaves UVic at the same time. She will remain at UVic, however, under contract, to continue co-ordinating the huge Alumni homecoming celebrations May 11 to 13. Stewart also thanked **James Gray** who resigned from the BOG earlier this year and the two 1983-84 student BOG members, **Dominique Roelants van Baronaigien** and **Tim Winkelmans** whose terms expire this month. "Student representatives serve only one year and it's too bad that their terms expire just as they are beginning to understand that board members don't wear horns," said Stewart. "We thank the students for their contributions and wish them well."

International interest in *The University into the 21st Century* has been "beyond our expectations," says UVic President **Dr. Howard Petch**. "It's proving to be an incredibly popular conference and we're getting calls about it from around the world," Petch told the Board of Governors at the April 16 BOG meeting. The conference, May 2 to 5, will bring to UVic 25 world-renowned speakers and delegates from more than a dozen countries to examine challenges facing universities around the globe now and into the coming decades. Petch said that \$95,000 has been raised from outside the university for the conference with complimentary registration for UVic faculty and staff available. Registrations for individual sessions or the full conference must be made in advance, through University Extension, at 721-8475.

Dr. David S. Thatcher (English) is now in Germany where he is continuing research on the *Shakespeare Music Catalogue*. He has been invited to address members at the annual conference of the Deutsche Shakespeare-Gesellschaft West in Bochum, May 5, on the subject of the Catalogue, its aims, methods and progress to date. After conducting further research with other members of the project (**Colleen Hoppins**, **Patricia Debly**, and **Doreen Thompson**) during July and August in Washington, D.C., he will then be delegate at the prestigious International Shakespeare Conference at Stratford-upon-Avon, August 19 to 24.

Dr. Harvey Miller (Theatre) is directing a production of Neil Simon's *Chapter Two* for Art Summer '84, a performing arts festival at Westchester Community College in Valhalla, New York. Miller will be working through the month of June towards the July 5 opening of the play.

Conference examines high tech dilemmas

UVic is hosting an international conference to examine the ethical dilemmas that arise in contemporary science and technology policies.

"Science, Technology Assessment and Public Policy: The Place of Human Values" is a workshop May 9 to 12 in the Begbie Building. The workshop is designed to raise awareness and encourage communication among academics, students, public officials and citizens representing environmental, societal and cultural concerns.

Workshop director is Dr. George Ghano-takis (Environmental Studies).

Environmental Studies, the departments of Political Science and Philosophy, and the Alma Mater Society are co-sponsoring the workshop which features speakers from the United States and Canada.

Among speakers at the conference are Bishop Remi De Roo of Victoria, Dr. David Low of the federal Ministry of State, Science and Technology in Ottawa, Dr. Langdon Winner of the University of California at Santa Cruz, Dr. William Higginson of the School of Education at Queen's University, and Dr. Alastair Taylor, professor emeritus of Queen's University.

Registration fee for the workshop is \$10 for students and \$40 for others. Further information on the workshop is available from Mary Ransberry in the conference office at University Extension, telephone 721-8465.

letters

Birds exterminated

Dear Sir:

In your April 13 issue, Dr. Peter Smith recalled the Convocation of 1968-70 held at the Centennial Stadium, and "the skylarks that spiralled overhead as Roderick Haig-Brown assumed his role as Chancellor". The date was 30th May 1970, and Chancellor Haig-Brown referred to the skylarks in his address, saying: "Perhaps they can become a symbol of the University".

Indeed he was right. We have exterminated them.

Sincerely yours,
J.B. Tatum

Convocation turnout disappoints student

Dear Editor

I was disappointed and rather perplexed to learn of much of the faculty's lack of interest in convocations ("Why don't more faculty attend Convocation?", *the Ring* April 13), and felt the same way a year ago at my own convocation here.

At first I was a bit hesitant to attend the ceremony myself, mainly out of embarrassment at the formality of it. But my family impressed upon me that convocation wasn't just for my benefit or their own—but that it was also an opportunity for the professors formally to recognize and celebrate their students' achievements, which in turn owed so much to the professors' own input. I felt as if not to attend would be acting ungratefully towards my professors, and in the end I went because it sounded like fun anyway, and it was.

However, I was disappointed that only two of my profs were at the reception afterward, although I was very glad to have them to celebrate with and introduce to my family. If it weren't for them, there wouldn't have been any point in going to the reception, because everyone celebrates privately with their family and friends anyway.

Graduation obviously starts the student thinking in many different directions, but isn't an important one our appreciation and gratitude for the things our professors have given us? Similarly, I would have imagined that it would be gratifying to a prof to see the students he or she had expended time and effort on, and presumably cared about, reach a culmination point in their studies.

Among other things, convocation is, or should be, a time for personal recognition and celebration of the joint effort between individual students and profs that led up to it. I would agree that "tea and cookies" aren't much of an incentive to go to the ceremony and reception. But surely there are better reasons for going?

Yours truly,
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